

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Twin Cities/Chanhassen MN
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...Damage Survey Results From the Tornado that Traveled Just West and Northwest of Blooming Prairie...

A storm damage survey was conducted on Friday and Saturday. It was determined that an EF-3 tornado occurred on June 17...moving from northeastern Freeborn County... into southeastern Steele county. The following damage information will also be cross checked with radar data and any photos or video that may be available. Therefore there may still be some changes.

Maximum intensity...EF-3 with winds approximately 150 to 160 mph.

Fatalities...zero.

Injuries...one.

Location...touchdown was in northeastern freeborn county...about four miles north of Maple Island...or five and one half miles east of Geneva. The tornado moved northeast...to three miles northwest of Blooming Prairie. It dissipated shortly thereafter.

Track...approximately 8.0 miles across Freeborn and Steele counties.

Maximum Width...approximately one half mile.

Timing...touchdown near 758 pm. It dissipated about 3.5 miles north-northwest of blooming prairie at around 818 pm.

Damage...two farmsteads were hit just east of the intersection of county roads 30 and 35 in northeastern Freeborn County. Numerous trees were snapped and a shed and other outbuildings were destroyed. Occasional trees were broken as it moved northeast. Damage intensified somewhat when it hit a farm on state highway 30 just west of blooming prairie. The tornado continued moving northeast...decimating crops. It intensified significantly to EF-3 intensity 2.5 miles northwest of blooming prairie. A house was leveled...and trees were snapped with some large portions of bark removed. A pickup truck was lofted about 100 feet where it landed in the basement. The tornado continued northeast and hit a mobile home where one person was injured.

Other notes...this was the third tornado to affect Steele County on June 17. The Blooming Prairie tornado also developed as the Hollandale tornado was dissipating just to its west.

The National Weather Service would like to thank various partners for the assistance with this survey.

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